Appropriately Certified and Highly Qualified Comparison

Public School Teachers must be both appropriately certified <u>AND</u> highly qualified for their assigned core content position(s).

Public school teachers in all areas must be appropriately certified for their assigned teaching position. Charter school teachers (with the exception of special education teachers) are not required to hold an Arizona teaching certificate. Arizona Teaching Certificates Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 3), Elementary (grades 7-12), Arts Education (Prek-12), Career and Technical Education, Special Education Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 3), Elementary (grades 1-8), Secondary (grades 7-12), Arts Education (Prek-12), Career and Technical Education, Special Education Prek-12), Career and Technical Education, Special Education Prek-12), Career and Technical Education, Special Education Prek-12), Career and Technical Education Prek-12), Career and Technical Education Prek-12, Career and Technical Education	Arizona State Certification Requirements	Federal Highly Qualified Requirements
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Current Core Content AEPA/NES Subject Knowledge Exams:

Art	German
Biology	History
Chemistry	Mathematics
Chinese	*Middle Grades English Language Arts
Early Childhood Education	*Middle Grades General Science
Earth Science	*Middle Grades Mathematics
Economics	*Middle Grades Social Science
Elementary Education Subtests I and II	Music
English Language Arts	Physics
French	Political Science/American Government
General Science	Spanish
Geography	

^{*}Middle Grades exams cover 7 & 8 grade content only

NOTE: There is no AEPA/NES exam for Physical Science (9-12). For other foreign languages candidates must pass the appropriate ACTFL exam or have at least 24 semester hours of coursework in the language.

Special Education AEPA/NES Subject Knowledge Exams:

Elementary Education Subtests I and II (required for K-8 special education "teacher of record")	Special Education: Learning Disability (27)
NES Special Education (replaced cross-category) (NT601)	Special Education: Mental Retardation (required for Intellectual Disability certificate) (28)
Special Education: Early Childhood (23)	Special Education: Orthopedic/Other Health Impairments (29)
Special Education: Emotional Disability (24)	Special Education: Severely & Profoundly Disabled (30)
Special Education: Hearing Impaired (26)	Special Education: Visually Impaired (32)